

REMARKS

Claims 3-4 and 9-11 have been canceled.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

Methods (2) and (3) have been deleted from claim 8.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-2, 7-8, and 12-32 are pending in the application.

Claims 12-32 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3, 4, and 7(3) have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over any one of Kusano et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,466,424 ("Kusano"), Yoshikawa et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,046,403 ("Yoshikawa"), and Ryan, U.S. Patent No. 3,030,290, in view of Kreil et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,594,262 ("Kreil").

Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 1. In view of the amendments, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over any one of Kusano, Yoshikawa, and Ryan in view of Kreil is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claims 3, 4, 7(3), 8 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the "admitted" prior art in view of any one of Kusano, Yoshikawa, or Ryan and Kreil.

As stated above, claims 3-4 and 11 have been canceled. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 1, which the Examiner has indicated is allowable. Claim 8 has been amended to recite a method of treatment such that "the fluorine resin is subjected to surface treatment, producing radical-generating functional groups on the surface of the treated fluorine resin, and

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measuring absorbance by iodometry so the absorbance at 360 nm is 0.02/100 cm² or over,” which is consistent with allowable claim 1. In view of the amendments, Applicants submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the “admitted” prior art and any one of Kusano, Yoshikawa, or Ryan and Kreil is moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the “admitted” prior art and any one of Kusano, Yoshikawa, or Ryan, and Kreil, further in view of Krause et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,958,532 (“Krause”).

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the “admitted” prior art, any one of Kusano, Yoshikawa, or Ryan, and Kreil, further in view of Kataoka.

Claims 9-10 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejections are moot. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

Claim 7 has been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, claim 3.

The Examiner asserts that claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten as dependent from only claim 1.

Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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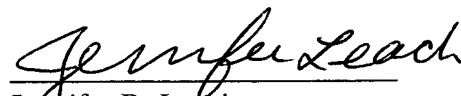
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